

SENATE BILL No. 77

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-1-20.5-4; IC 20-10.1-5.1-3; IC 20-10.2; IC 21-3-1.7-9.8.

Synopsis: High ability students. Requires the education roundtable to include a representative of education programs for exceptional learners. Requires the department of education to provide grants to school corporations to carry out plans for high ability students that meet certain criteria. Requires a school corporation's strategic and continuous school improvement plan to address the needs of all students, including exceptional learners. Requires a school corporation to use academic honors diploma awards to provide programs and services for high ability students.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-1-20.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.146-1999,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. The roundtable consists of the following
4 members:

5 (1) A number of members appointed jointly by the governor and
6 the superintendent of public instruction. These members must be
7 representatives of:

8 (A) business and community leaders;

9 (B) elementary and secondary education, including ~~special~~
10 ~~education;~~ **programs for exceptional learners (as defined in**
11 **IC 20-10.2-2-5.5);** and

12 (C) higher education.

13 The number of members appointed under clause (A) must be
14 equal to the number of members appointed under clauses (B) and
15 (C).

16 (2) Two (2) members appointed by the president pro tempore of
17 the senate from different political parties.



(3) Two (2) members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives from different political parties.

SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-5.1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3. **(a)** The department shall establish a state resources program using existing state resources that:

(1) supports school corporations in the development of local programs for high ability students;

(2) enables educational opportunities that encourage high ability students to reach the highest possible level at every stage of the students' development; and

(3) provides state integrated services that include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Information and materials resource centers.

(B) Professional development plan and programs.

(C) Research and development services.

(D) Technical assistance that includes the following:

(i) Student assessment.

(ii) Program assessment.

(iii) Program development and implementation.

(E) Professional development activities leading to licensure, certification, or endorsement in gifted education for school corporation program coordinators, supervisors, and teachers.

(b) In addition to the programs provided under subsection (a), the department shall use appropriations to provide grants to school corporations for programs for high ability students if the school corporation's plan under section 4 of this chapter meets the following criteria:

(1) The plan provides for multiple means of identifying high ability students, including procedures for students who may not be identified through traditional means because of economic disadvantage, cultural background, underachievement, or disabilities.

(2) The plan sets forth appropriate education experiences in core curriculum areas for high ability students in kindergarten through grade 12.

(3) The plan aligns with the strategic and continuous school improvement and achievement plans under IC 20-10.2-3-3 for the schools within the school corporation.

SECTION 3. IC 20-10.2-2-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 5.5. "Exceptional learner" refers to the following:**

(1) A child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1).

(2) A high ability student (as defined in IC 20-10.1-5.1-2).

SECTION 4. IC 20-10.2-3-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.221-1999, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3. (a) A plan:

(1) shall lay out objectives for a three (3) year period; and

(2) must be annually reviewed and revised to accomplish the achievement objectives of the school.

(b) A plan must establish objectives for the school to achieve. These achievement objectives must be consistent with academic standards and include improvement in at least the following areas:

(1) Attendance rate.

(2) The percentage of students meeting academic standards under the ISTEP program (IC 20-10.1-16).

(3) For a secondary school, graduation rate.

(c) A plan must address the learning needs of all students, including programs and services for exceptional learners.

(d) A plan must specify how and to what extent the school expects to make continuous improvement in all areas of the education system where results are measured by setting benchmarks for progress on an individual school basis.

~~(d)~~ **(e) A plan must note specific areas where improvement is needed immediately.**

SECTION 5. IC 21-3-1.7-9.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-1999, SECTION 141, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9.8. (a) In addition to the distributions under sections 8, 9.5, and 9.7 of this chapter, a school corporation is eligible for an honors diploma award in the amount determined under STEP TWO of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the number of the school corporation's eligible pupils who successfully completed an academic honors diploma program in the school year ending in the previous calendar year.

STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$925).

(b) Each year the governing body of a school corporation ~~may~~ **shall** use the money that the school corporation receives for an honors diploma award under this section to ~~give nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$925) to each eligible pupil in the school corporation who successfully completes an academic honors diploma program in the~~

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1 school year ending in the previous calendar year. provide the
2 following:
3 (1) Training for teachers who work with high ability students.
4 (2) Advanced courses in core content areas.
5 (3) Programs and services for high ability students.
6 (c) The governing body of a school corporation shall submit an
7 annual report to the department of education that summarizes the
8 programs and services provided with the money received under
9 this section. A governing body that does not submit a report under
10 this subsection is not eligible to receive future awards under this
11 section.

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